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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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Application No. 10/537,509)	Group Art Unit 2892
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Filed: November 30, 2005)	Examiner: Jairus K. Greene
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For: METHOD FOR CUTTING)	
SEMICONDUCTOR SUBSTRATE)	

Commissioner for Patents
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Customer Window, Mail Stop Amendment
Alexandria, VA 22314

Sir:

RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In an Office Action dated March 31, 2008, the period for response to which extends through June 2, 2008, (May 31st being a Saturday), the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between what the Examiner identifies as Species 1 (Figs. 1-4); Species 2 (Figs. 11A-11B); Species 3 (Figs. 14A-15B); and Species 4 (Figs. 24A-25C).

Applicant hereby elects Species 3 (Figs. 14A-15B) for examination. Applicant respectfully submits that at least claims 1-22, 33-39 and 42-45 read on the elected Species 3.

Also, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 4 is generic to at least Species 2 and 3, and that the limitations of independent claim 4 are present in all of the independent claims. Hence, Applicants respectfully submit that if claim 4 is allowed, all claims should be allowed.

Applicants respectfully request formal examination of this application.

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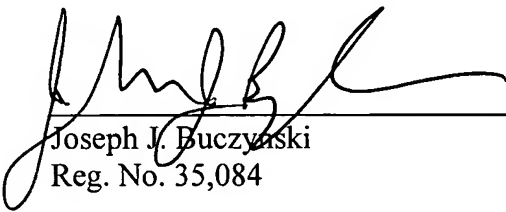
Applicants respectfully assert that no additional fee is due in connection with the filing of this response. However, if there are any additional fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge those fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0573.

Respectfully submitted,

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